

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF *CG*

ROKOSCH *AK*

THOMPSON *AK*

CHILCOTT *g*

DRISCOLL *LS*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Date.....July 31, 2008

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met with Russ Lawrence on a decision for the County to support and approve the Montana Cultural and Aesthetic grant. Russ explained that a portion of the State's coal trust tax is set aside for cultural grants. A government must be the entity to receive the monies and Hamilton Players will then receive and expend the monies on their program. They are requesting \$33,000 which will be utilized for operating support specifically funding further grant writing by Coleen Southwick. They want to be 'an engine' for cultural tourism in the Bitterroot Valley. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the Montana Cultural and Aesthetic grant. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion. Discussion:** Commissioner Rokosch asked about any administrative costs. Russ stated the State can send the check right to the Hamilton Players if the County would like. Hamilton Players does all the accounting and shows that information to the County. **All voted "aye".** Glenda prepared a letter for the Commissioners to sign which stated in part that "*Ravalli County is a local government entity with the appropriate accounting and financial services available to receive these grant funds which will then be released directly to the applicant*". Russ stated they will provide an expenditure report at the end of the season.

► The Board met with John Recore who works at the Ravalli County Museum as the Development Director. John relayed he is putting together a grant proposal for the Montana Arts Council for the Cultural Trust Grant. This project will fund the preservation and digitizing for the three multi-media collections in the museum. These collections will comprise visual and audio history of the Bitterroot Valley over the past 100 years. This grant works like the grant that Hamilton Players hope to receive, in that a local government entity with the appropriate accounting and financial services must be available to receive these grant funds. The Museum has already purchased the digitizing

equipment and they will utilize these funds to hire a person part time to actually put the information together both in video and audio. This is a two year grant in the amount of \$9,150.00 for year one and \$5,000 for year two. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to support this grant proposal for the Ravalli County Museum. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

► The remainder of the day was spent in office management.